

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL PORT MORESBY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 157

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0328

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: GOV, UNGA, PP

SUBJ: PNG REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 224242

1. I CONVEYED CONTENTS OF REFTEL TO CONROY AND SIAGURA, DFRT, ON OCTOBER 30. (DELAY WAS RESULT OF MY ABSENCE FROM PORT MORESBY.) THEY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED SAME INFORMATION VIA AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. RE AGREEMENT, CONROY SAID GPNG CONSIDERED IT INAPPROPRIATE TO MAKE REQUEST UNTIL AT LEAST DATE OF INDEPENDENCE IS DECIDED. HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS REQUEST WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BEFORE USG CAN CONSIDER MATANE AS AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE.

3. CONROY RAISED QUESTION ABOUT STATUS OF PNG OFFICE VIS-A-VIS AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 5 REFTEL. HE WANTED TO BE ASSURED THAT USG WOULD DEAL WITH PNG OFFICE ON DAY-TO-DAY MATTERS. I TOLD HIM I BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM ON THIS POINT BUT WOULD RAISE QUESTION WITH DEPARTMENT. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE RATIONALE BEHIND DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCE FOR TITLE OF "REPRESENTATIVE" RATHER THAN "COMMISSIONER." ARE THERE PRECEDENTS? WOULD TITLE OF COMMISSIONER LEAD TO CONFUSION? IS THERE AN INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL ON THIS MATTER? THE FACT THAT THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ALSO PREFERS TITLES OTHER THAN COMMISSIONER

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IS NOT A POINT I CAN USEFULLY PUT FORWARD HERE. CONROY AND

SIAGURA DID NOT ASK FOR REASONS FOR DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCE BUT  
THIS IS SUBJECT THAT COULD WELL ARISE AGAIN.  
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